

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q114956

Tadahiro HIRAMOTO, et al.

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Examiner: MEHTA, HONG T

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For: FRESH TEA LEAF POWDER AND PROCESSED PRODUCT, EXTRACT, OIL AND
AROMA OBTAINABLE FROM FRESH TEA LEAF POWDER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an Office Action dated December 30, 2009 issued from the Indian Patent Office in a counterpart application No. 5432/DELNP/2005.

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Applicant notes that references cited in the Indian Office Action were previously cited by the Examiner and listed on Form PTO-892 attached to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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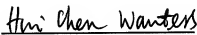
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